



SORRT

DATES

APRIL 2003—EARTH MONTH

Call NOW to request County staff
attend your Earth Day event.

SORRT staff will come to your business and set up a recycling, waste reduction and buy recycled display as well as provide information and promotional materials to your employees. Book Now! First come, first served basis.

APRIL 26

Montgomery County Earth Day Event

Join the Division of Solid Waste Services on Saturday, April 26th, from 11am to 3pm on the grounds of 850 Hungerford Drive (Route 355) across from Montgomery College.

Earth Day festivities will include information on recycling, waste reduction and buying recycled efforts, as well as environmental education. A variety of organizations will be on hand displaying their environmental activities as well as offering free services such as health screenings and more.

Businesses are welcome to participate! For information, call the Division's volunteer program manager, MaryLou McQuaide, at 240-777-6400. Space is limited and is on a first come, first served basis.

MAY 19-24

Montgomery County
Recycling Awareness Week

visit us at
www.MCRecycles.org



SORRT Services

SORRT offers businesses a comprehensive selection of materials to help educate your employees on recycling policies and requirements in Montgomery County. These include:

- SORRT Handbook
- Brochures on how to contract for recycling services and how to file an annual report
- Executive Regulation 109-92
- Stickers for indoor/outdoor recycling containers
- Posters



SORRT staff also provides on-site consultations to businesses to design or improve your company's recycling program. While the county does not provide recycling collection services, staff can recommend programs and supply all of the necessary materials to ensure implementation of a successful recycling program.

In addition to the various services offered above, the Division of Solid Waste Services periodically conducts waste audits for businesses to provide them with a clear picture of their solid waste stream. To learn more about these audits, read the "What's a waste audit?" section on the back page.

*Special
Thanks*

Thanks to all businesses that filed their 2002 annual recycling and waste reduction report on time. Also kudos to those businesses that filed on-line this year and helped reduce paper generation.



Recycling Checklist

Commercial properties and businesses **MUST** recycle the following materials if these products are generated:



White office paper



Newspapers
(including inserts)



Corrugated cardboard



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum and bi-metal
food and beverage cans



Plastic food and
beverage containers



Yard trim (grass,
leaves, and brush)

Businesses are encouraged
to voluntarily recycle
the following materials:

- Mixed paper
- Scrap metal
- Toner cartridges
- Pallets
- Computers

Recycling Awareness Week

The week of May 19–24, 2003, has been designated as Recycling Awareness Week in Montgomery County. To celebrate the efforts of businesses and individuals that have done an outstanding job and to further promote recycling, the Division of Solid Waste Services holds a number of events during that week to promote recycling. In addition, this is also National Public Works Week.

MAY 19 & 20

Division or SORRT staff will visit local public schools that have demonstrated achievement in setting up a strong infrastructure to promote recycling in the school. Department of Public Works staff will also bring to the schools a fleet of vehicles consisting of a natural-gas powered Ride-On bus, a snow plow, and ethanol/natural gas-fueled vehicles.

MAY 21

Recycling Awards Recognition Luncheon

The Division will highlight 50 businesses and individuals that have gone above and beyond the County's recycling requirements. Look for a list of award winners in the Summer 2003 edition of the SORRT Network Newsletter.

MAY 22

Recycling Games

The DSWS will host an exciting day of recycling related activities designed to test ones' memory of how to recycle correctly. Montgomery County businesses are welcome to send a team of 5 to 10 people to participate. These corporate teams will compete to earn prizes. Please call the SORRT Program at 240-777-6400 or e-mail info@sorrt.org to sign up a team today. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Participants will be served complimentary refreshments.

Enforcement Corner

Montgomery County Executive Regulation 109-92 requires all businesses, regardless of size or type, to recycle the following materials: corrugated cardboard, office paper, newspaper, aluminum and steel/tin cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars,

and yard trim. In addition, property owners are required to provide recycling collection services and storage space for recyclable materials to their tenants.

The SORRT Program staff are available to help your business or organization to comply with the County's recycling regulations. However, failure to recycle or provide recycling services will result in a written warning, ticket, and/or fine.

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Business
Recycling.
It's the Law.



RECYCLING SPOTLIGHT

Property Managers: An Important Link for Recycling

Prentiss Properties Assistant Property Manager Lindsay Zachar contacted the SORRT team to request educational materials and recycling containers for two of their multi-tenant buildings in Montgomery County so they could bring their properties up to speed with existing regulations. County staff responded and helped Lindsay set up a recycling program that works. Lindsay provides her tenants with a procedural memo on recycling and routinely meets face to face with individual office managers to describe the process and get their businesses on board. She feels that recycling is a way to ensure better customer service to her tenants since it provides a service that benefits the entire community.

SORRT is continuing to work with other Prentiss Properties' offices in the County to ensure that every property they manage is in compliance. This collaborative effort is one excellent example of how working with property management companies, the source of recycling programs for multi-tenant facilities, is a great way to incorporate strong, functional recycling programs at multiple properties throughout the County.



Clearly labeled recycling bins at Prentiss make the recycling process easier.

Seeing the Benefits of Recycling

Owner/manager Lee Anne Ayers says that **Pearle Vision Center** has been recycling at the White Oak Shopping Center for over 15 years and they were the first company in that center to implement a cardboard recycling program. Lee Anne also serves as an inspiration for the other mall merchants by encouraging them to recycle materials and become active and aware in their community. She says that recycling is important to her business because it minimizes the amount of trash generated and reduces the need for frequent collections while it also allows for the collected materials to be made into other useful products.



Pearle Vision Center in White Oak Shopping Center is one of many small businesses in the County that have exceptional recycling programs.

Here is a summary of current enforcement actions:

December 2002: Site Realty Group was issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) and were further issued a citation for not providing recycling collection services to their tenants in a shopping center. This case is on-going.

January 2003: SNZ Real Estate Services was issued an NOV for not providing recycling collection services to their tenants. SNZ Real Estate Services has since provided recycling services to their tenants and are now in compliance.

W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors was issued an NOV for not recycling the required materials. They have since set up a recycling program and are now in compliance.

Office Paper and Metals Show Highest Returns Over a Six-Month Period

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Recycled Commodity Market Prices

Average Recycled Commodity prices in US dollars for loose materials, unless indicated.

New York Market*

August 9, 2002 and February 7, 2003.

	August 9, 2002	February 7, 2003
Paper (\$/ton)		
**Newsprint #6	13	10
Magazines	-5	0
Corrugated containers	20	20
*Sorted office paper	23	43
*Sorted white ledger	53	80
***Computer printout	55	55
Metals (\$/ton)		
Steel cans	11	29
White goods	22	30
Glass (\$/ton)		
Flint (clear)	21	21
Amber (brown)	9	9
Plastics (¢/lb)		
PET	.07	.07
Natural HDPE	.17	.14
Colored HDPE	.09	.07
***Combination HDPE	.04	.04
Metals (¢/lb)		
Aluminum cans	.30	.33

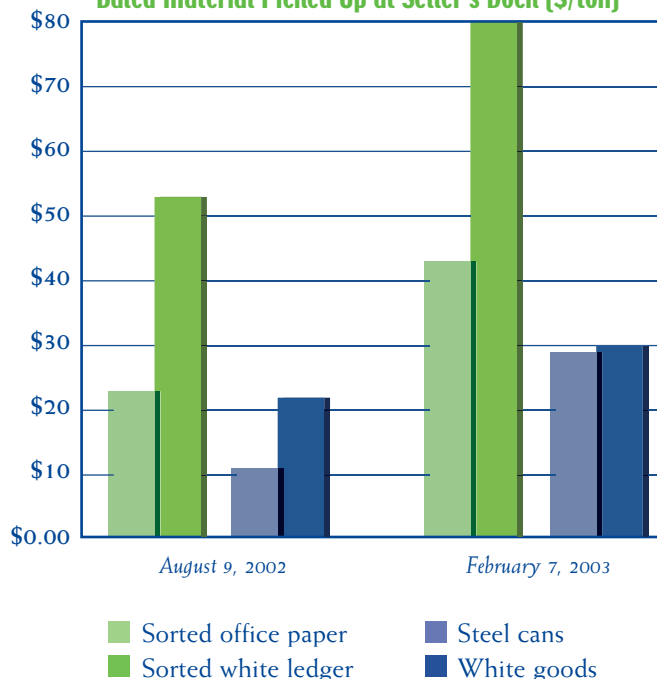
* New York prices were selected because they represent a large Mid-Atlantic market

** Items indicated baled & picked up

*** as of 2/08/02

New York Recovered Paper & Metal Prices

Baled Material Picked Up at Seller's Dock (\$/ton)



Prices for recycled paper continue to show an increase for the first quarter of 2003, particularly when compared to six months ago. Pricing for both office and white ledger paper showed an increase during this timeframe as a continuation of recent conditions. With market prices increasing 53% and 66% respectively, steel cans showed a 38% jump in this six-month period and white goods improved by 7%.

Prices for magazines, newsprint, aluminum cans, glass, and plastics have remained relatively flat over the same period.

To join SORRT or learn more about business recycling,
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What's a waste audit?

A waste audit is when the Division of Solid Waste Services conducts a review of a business' current methods for trash and recycling collection, their collection/custodial services contracts, and existing waste reduction and educational efforts. County staff will physically sort the trash and weigh the various components. This service provides valuable information to the business for developing and implementing new or expanded recycling programs. It will also identify certain materials for waste reduction or reuse efforts which can help a business to reduce their disposal costs. Need more details? Contact the SORRT Program at 240-777-6400.



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County Recycling Center

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